

R. Ross, Economist With CIA

Robert A. Ross, 57, a senior economic reviewer at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), died of cancer Wednesday at Providence Hospital in Washington. He lived at 527 Nelson Drive, Vienna.

Born on Dec. 7, 1900 in Orange, N. J., he attended the University of Pennsylvania for three years and majored in chemical engineering.

Mr. Ross worked as a business and investment analyst with several New York financial firms for 10 years.

In 1943 and 1944, he was employed by the War Shipping Administration in Washington and in the Mediterranean area, where he analyzed merchant vessels activity.

A Northern Virginia resident since 1950, he was employed as a geographer with the Library of Congress for three years and in 1951 joined the CIA staff.

Mr. Ross was a member of the American Economic Association.

He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Ross Brimjohr and Miss Amanda M., both of Boston, and his mother, Mrs. Maebell Ross, of the home address.